HOUSE BILL 3431 By Tidwell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 10 and Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to the operation of motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 55-8-196. If a person violates a provision of this part and is cited and found guilty for failure to yield the right of way at a traffic control device or while approaching or entering an intersection, improper lane usage, failure to yield upon the approach of an emergency vehicle, or for a violation of the right of way of a motor vehicle in any other way, and causes serious physical injury or death, such violation shall be punishable as a Class B misdemeanor. In addition the court shall suspend the driver license of such convicted person or persons for a period of time of not less than six (6) months.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.